

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Regular Commission Meeting
May 18, 2015

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, May 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. The audience recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Kristine Petersen, Commissioner Sherida Ridgill, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

Personnel Present: City Manager Al Perry, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Police Chief Don Gutshall, Finance Manager Shari Howell, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Utilities Director Danny Williams, City Engineer Tommy Perry, and City Attorney Charles Schoech.

Visitors Present: Terry Gardner, Asa & Betty Godsey, Christine Howell, Jim LaRue, Pepe Lopez, and Curtiss Pullen.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – City Manager Perry asked that the Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman Retainer Agreement be added to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Perry asked the presentation by Susan Walker and also Item # 7, Tyler Software discussion be deleted from the agenda. The Commission agreed.

Presentation by Community Development Director Reese regarding Flood Insurance Requirements – Mr. Reese discussed the need for residents to secure flood insurance and stressed the importance of getting the insurance before the new flood maps go into effect on July 6, 2015. The Commission requested that City Manager Perry continue to follow up with our representatives in Washington and Tallahassee. Commissioner Gardner asked that Mr. Perry also follow up with Mr. Fugate about coming to Clewiston for a visit. The Commission still has questions as to why Belle Glade and Moore Haven are not in the flood zone when virtually the whole City of Clewiston is included in the flood zone. City Engineer Tommy Perry stated the dike repairs are being done in stages and there is a possibility when the repairs around Clewiston are done, the flood zone may be modified. Commissioner Rodriguez asked if Taylor Engineering might come and answer some of the unanswered questions. City Engineer Perry will contact them and also contact FEMA to encourage them to come to Clewiston for a meeting.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. *City Commission Workshop Minutes – April 16, 2015*
- B. *City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes – April 20, 2015*
- C. *City Commission Minutes – April 20, 2015*
- D. *Event Application – Fireworks at CHS commencement ceremony*
- E. *Proclamation – Community Action Month*
- F. *Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman Retainer Agreement Approval*

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ridgill, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance

- 2. Ordinance No. 2015-02 – First Reading** – Ordinance No. 2015-02 includes amendments to the Future Land Use Map, the goals, objectives and policies of the Future Land Use, traffic circulation, housing, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water and natural groundwater aquifer recharge, conservation, recreation and open space, intergovernmental coordination, capital improvements, concurrency elements; providing for transmittal to the State Land Planning Agency and other reviewing agencies under the State expedited review process. City Manager Perry read Ordinance No. 2015-02 by title. Jim LaRue of LaRue Planning came forward to speak about the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Mr. LaRue explained that the amendment was for certain elements and it was not his intent to cover everything in the current Comprehensive Plan. He stated the new map creates new areas for the US 27 Corridor and Downtown districts and parking and we are in compliance with these changes. Mr. LaRue stated the public school concurrency element was incorporated into the plan and the capital improvement element was updated. Mr. LaRue stated he can and will update certain tables to reflect current information, but reminded the Commission that this was not a complete revision.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ridgill, to approve the Ordinance No. 2015-02 on first reading with the changes presented by Mr. LaRue and set the public hearing for June 15, 2015. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Resolutions

- 3. Resolution No. 2015-05** – This resolution authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept a highway beautification grant, and enter into a highway beautification council grant, landscape construction, and maintenance memorandum of agreement with the FDOT. City Manager Perry read Resolution 2015-05 by title.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve Resolution 2015-05. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 4. Resolution No. 2015-06** – This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign the Small County Outreach Program Agreement. City Manager Perry read Resolution 2015-06 by title.

Commissioner Ridgill made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve Resolution No. 2015-06. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5. Small County Outreach Program Agreement** – This agreement must be approved for the City to move forward with the Small County Outreach Program Grant for \$295,000 for the Pasadena Avenue project.

Commissioner Petersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the Small County Outreach Program Agreement. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 6. State Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement** – This agreement is required for the City to be compensated for maintaining the lights on US27.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ridgill, to approve the State Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 7. Gary M. Clark Turf Management Contract** – The City requested quotes for this service and Mr. Clark's proposal was the only one received.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Turf Management Contract. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 8. Deleted - Discussion of Tyler Software Implementation Progress**

- 9. Update on Code Enforcement** – Chief Gutshall stated that as of today, there are 162 cases filed. He stated Code Enforcement is busy and are resolving some cases. Commissioner Gardner praised Code Enforcement for the work they are doing.

- 10. Departmental Monthly Activity Reports - Presented for information only.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business. Jerry Cochrane stated he was told that the Library staff is responsible for cleaning the Library and asked if other departments did the same. The answer was yes. Commissioner Gardner stated there are some things in the budget that need to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER – City Manager Perry informed the Commission that the City of Belle Glade is contracting with us again for the summer Youth Empowerment Program at the Golf Course.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY - none

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION – Commissioner Gardner stated the Clewiston Rotary Club received the Governor’s Award and congratulated Commissioner Ridgill as president of the Rotary Club. She also recognized Mrs. Christiansen’s presence at the meeting and thanked her for being involved in the City. Commissioner Ridgill thanked the Rotary Club members for their help and stated the Club also received the Presidential Award. She asked for an update on summer camp. Recreation Director Ramer stated that he and staff have worked on achieving the requirements spelled out by DCF and believe we have accomplished our goal. Mr. Ramer stated that he, nor staff ever considered cancelling summer camp, we had discussions on shortening it or maybe having only one session, but cancellation was never an option. Mr. Ramer stated a non-profit organization from Belle Glade will travel to Clewiston and perform our fingerprinting and background checks. Mr. Ramer stated the splash pad is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon and on weekends and pool hours will be posted as soon as they are determined, but he is planning to open the pool this weekend for Memorial Day. Mayor Roland stated the Tiger Booster Tournament was a big success and the golf course is in great shape. He hopes to attract some tournaments this summer to help with the revenue stream.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Phillip Roland, Mayor

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk